

MAKE SUMMER RESORT OF DAM

That the lake which will be created upon the completion of the Elephant Butte dam now under construction in the lower Rio Grande Valley will afford one of the most beautiful and attractive summer resorts and fishing grounds in America is shown by the following statement recently made by Mr. C. J. Blanchard, Chief Statistician for the United States Government:

"The Elephant Butte dam will be 265 feet high, 1,400 feet long on top and 400,000 cubic yards of material will be used in its construction. The dam will create the largest artificial body of water in the world—a total of 2,600,000 acre feet of storage water. The water will form a lake more than forty miles long and eighty feet deep.

"In the summer time the Elephant Butte lake will make a most beautiful summer resort. The lake will be stocked by the government with bass and other fish. The lake will be the largest body of water between Mexico and the Great Salt Lake and between the Rocky Mountains and the Pacific Ocean. The lake will have many bays and inlets and will afford camping places for all the people who wish to take advantage of them."

The wild duck and geese are sure to find their way to this lake and the wild animals which will take up their abode along its banks, which can be placed there by the state game warden and the government, will make all the country immediately surrounding the greatest hunting ground in the west.

The United States government maintains a National Game Preserve in Yellowstone Park. There are, however, no hunting privileges in the Yellowstone, fishing being the only sport allowed. If the Government could be induced to create a National Hunting Ground in the Elephant Butte lake district undertaken by Uncle Sam for the betterment and advancement of the South west. Thousands upon thousands of people who journey to the Rocky Mountain summer resorts and to the Pacific coast would direct their journeys to New Mexico and to a climate which cannot be equalled in any other part of the world. This would bring into the state annually many thousands of dollars now being spent in other western resorts; it would create a permanent advertisement the magnitude of which can hardly be grasped.

New Mexico is now a sovereign state with all the rights of any other state in the union; we have efficient representation in congress—men who have ambitions to do things worthwhile—and now is the time to take advantage of every opportunity to make New Mexico a great state known to the world for its superior advantages as a place for investment, pleasure and health. The plan outlined above is not beyond our reach and no time should be lost in bringing every pressure to bear upon the National Congress to create this National Hunting Ground in the Sunshine State.

WILLARD

Mrs. Jas. Flippen of Ancho, was in Willard over Sunday on her way to Mountainair where Mr. Flippen will have charge of the hotel.

Mrs. Magdalena Sanchez y Vigil mother of Francisco and Jose Sanchez, died last Thursday of pneumonia and was buried at Punta Friday.

J. D. Tinsley came in Tuesday night and went out to Dr. Cheyney's place Wednesday morning to superintend the planting of the fruit trees and vines on the Santa Fe demonstration farm.

Lois, the sixteen year old daughter of Mrs. Halsell, died last Friday and was buried here Saturday. Monday the body was exhumed, embalmed and Mrs. Halsell left Tuesday night for Crowell, Texas, her home where the body will be interred. Mrs. Halsell brought her daughter out here some two weeks ago, hoping this climate would heal her trouble, the white plague, but came too late.

The dance given Tuesday night by the Willard Athletic club was an entire success. A large attendance, good music and last but not least, a free lunch served at midnight. Everybody seemed to have a big time. The visiting guests were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Peterson, Dixie Howell, E. L. Smith, J. Dye, Mr. Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. Travis and Will Leary of Estancia, and Phant Brown of Belen.

Instead of shipping our cream to Albuquerque as many are preparing to do, why not get busy and have a creamery at Willard? Build up industries at home. Let us not sleep our rights away, but get on a hasty hustle and make things move. Time, tide and opportunity wait for no man. This is our opportunity.

The people have a superabundance of faith in the assured future of our valley for good. They seemed to have received an outpouring of enthusiasm, which has renewed their determination to prove to the world at large that we have been over modest in our statements regarding the possibilities of this valley for fear that we might be held by the conservative as exaggerating. But the realities so far exceed the most vivid imagination that it is almost impossible to over estimate the advantages to be had here. May the good work go on. Boost. Talk to those who have left and returned, then you will be proud that you are a citizen of the Estancia valley.

We are glad to note that Dr. Cheyney has not allowed the destruction by fire of his beautiful home and furnishings to discourage him. He comes stronger than ever, in demonstrating his faith in the valley by his works. He has a crew of men at work on his place which is three miles north of Willard and seven miles south of Estancia, situated on the main highway and auto line between the towns, getting everything in readiness for the Santa Fe demonstration farm. This farm will consist of 30 acres to be irrigated and about 10 acres dry farmed under the direct management of J. D. Tinsley, an expert dry culturalist employed by the Santa Fe railroad to teach the farmers

of New Mexico what, when and how to plant and care for their crops. Dr. Cheyney has already completed a splendid poultry yard, entirely screened with wire netting; a good garage; a barn 16x32 feet and will soon have a nice four room cottage and bath erected. On this farm will be planted five hundred apple trees, some pear, peach, plum, quince and cherry trees, besides grape and berry vines. This farm being cared for by the Santa Fe railroad, through Mr. Tinsley, will be the means of this valley receiving quite a bit of notoriety through the colonization department of the Santa Fe by their agent Mr. Seagrave of Chicago. On this farm will be placed a sign near the N. M. C. railroad, which runs through one side of this place, calling the attention of all passengers to the fact that it is a "Santa Fe Demonstration Plant." Dr. Cheyney is to be commended for his untiring efforts in securing this much needed assistance which will give the valley an impetus toward development, the value of which cannot at this time be estimated. He is not only spending time and energy, but money in securing prosperous, progressive citizens to locate here, that they, too, may lend a helping hand and become identified with our progress.

Cedar Grove News

Quite a lot of building has been going on in our neighborhood during the last few months. Mrs. Smith has built an up-to-date cottage with a fine cellar; W. C. Clifton has built his mother a nice shack on his place with a good cellar underneath; Mrs. Charley Kellog has an up-to-date chicken house for her young chickens. Let the good work go on and we will soon be having things as handy as they were at the old home whence we all came.

The Texas friends of Mrs. Pearl Richards gave her a pleasant surprise sometime ago by meeting at her ranch and putting in most of her crop but the bean land and they will finish this in May.

Through the agency of Mrs. Mary Merrifield, the lonely resident of Chanticleer ranch was showered with all sorts of good things to eat for himself and his pets by neighbors last week. To name all who have contributed to his welfare this winter would include practically every one in Cedar Grove and Silverton, and many outside, so rather than fill a column of the News with the names of these kind people we omit them.

Old Bess, the lean and lank driving pony of Chanticleer's owner, passed from this life last week; and if there is a heaven for horses faithful and true to their owners we are sure that old Bess now awaits the bugle call of the resurrection to start on her trip to paradise.

Yours truly spent the night of last Thursday at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Abbott east of Estancia. Miss Alma Boles made the evening more pleasant by the use of the organ and the phonograph. We took a nice morning walk to the salt lake a short distance away and viewed for the first time at close range one of these valuable deposits of our country.

LOCAL ITEMS

Thursday

Mrs. Schuyler Arrendiell left this noon for Idaho to visit her mother who is quite ill.

Mr. Cartwright, the Santa Fe groceryman, came in on the evening train.

Mrs. Travis became a member of the O. E. S. at the meeting of that order this afternoon.

Sheriff Jose Duran and Deputy George Sena of Santa Rosa, passed through Estancia today enroute to Santa Fe with half a dozen fellows who have accepted free board and lodging at the State Penitentiary.

Moses Derusha left this evening for Ellsworth, Kansas, in response to news that his mother is very seriously ill at that place.

Allan MacGillivray returned from Santa Fe last evening wearing the smile that won't come off. "It's a bouncing big boy," he said. "What makes the occasion more important is the fact that this is the first boy in the present generation of MacGillivray's."

Angus McGillivray came from Santa Fe this evening.

W. C. Smith is now located at Austin, Colo. He says that although he has left us for the time being, he still has full faith in a great future for the Valley.

E. V. Shirley has proved up on his homestead near McIntosh and will move to Los Lomas. Mr. Shirley is not going to Los Lomas because he thinks that is a better country. On the contrary, he thinks this valley is the best. But he is going there to farm by irrigation, and when he learns all about it will come back and put his homestead under irrigation.

Friday

The Hughes Mercantile company is unloading a car of barbed wire and poultry netting.

M. A. Kiser was a passenger to Santa Fe today. He says he is going to Santa Fe to see what the legislature is doing.

If there were two or three more presidential literary bureaus we wouldn't have to buy any wood at all.

Marion Dye and Walter Pace made a trip to Willard today.

J B Woods went to Gallup yesterday.

E. Romero is shipping two cars of ties to Albuquerque today.

Saturday

Celestino Ortiz went to Santa Fe this noon on business.

Antonio Salazar, the county assessor returned this noon from a visit to the sheep ranch at Bianca.

The Misses Atkinson will give a party this evening at their ranch home north of town.

The Estancia Lumber Co., is loading a car of lumber which will be shipped to Albuquerque.

Eugene Madole, who is engineer at the Ogier Scott Lumber Mills was in town today buying supplies.

Hon. Jesus Candalaria, former chairman of the board of county commissioners was a business visitor in Estancia today.

Rev. W. C. Grant left on this evening's train for Torrance, near which point he will hold services tomorrow.

Mrs. S. C. Arrendiell departed today for Payette, Idaho, to visit her mother, who is ill. The length of Mrs. Arrendiell's stay depends on the progress of her mother toward recovery.

Acting upon the information that the terms of all federal officers appointed previous to statehood have expired, a campaign is on for the Estancia postoffice. The candidates so far in the field are N. D. Meyer; the present incumbent, and J. P. Porter. Both are circulating petitions today.

The Romero Lumber Co., shipped a car of lumber to Vaughn today.

Eugenio Romero is in Santa Fe looking after some of his political fences.

MATING SEASON

Spring, gentle spring, must be here, because why, there is a boom in the matrimonial line.

Licenses to wed have been granted to the following named couples during the past few days:

Cleofas Sanchez, Tajique.
Theodora Barela, "
Pablo Torres, Torreon
Luisa Otero, "
Elfego Velasquez, Progreso.
Petrito Lueras, "
John T. Schubert, Estancia.
Barbara M. Dow, "

Mrs. Hunt, the Dressmaker, can cut to fit you and finish a dress to please you at

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